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Comments on settlement of Microsoft Antitrust case

I support the proposed settlement reached between Microsoft, the DOJ, and nine states. The legal process has run its course and it is time to conclude this matter. It is difficult to see what harm has come to consumers from the "browser battles" that were the crux of the case. The settlement focuses on changes to Microsoft's business practices which seems reasonable in light of the ruling by the Court of Appeals. Continued litigation is in the interest of only two groups: (1) Microsoft's competitors, and (2) the lawyers working on the case. The purpose of antitrust laws is to protect consumers, not competitors.

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